SHOW DATES

There are already two dates chosen for the shows next season. Please get your dates in so that we can carry them in each issue.

Halifax Chapter - September 11, 1960

Sunset Chapter - October 2, 1960

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CULTURE

North Florida - By Robert H. McCubbin

Since the Hibiscus is primarily a tropical plant, low temperature is one of the biggest problems in growing them in North Florida. However, patience and extra effort in protecting them is often rewarded come springtime. Temperatrues of 32 degrees or below will, in most cases, kill or severely damage Hibiscus if not properly protected, by banking or placing in a heated enclosure of some kind. A hardening type fertilizer is another method of protection against the cold.

Frequent watering may be necessary to avoid drooping and drying out of the plant. Hibiscus should not be planted in the same beds as Camellias or Azaleas as this soil is too for Hibjscus.

Frequent light feedings of a good plant food is necessary from about late April to November as our growing and blooming season is shorter than in southern Florida. After the danger of freezing is over, apply a high nitrogen content fertilizer to stimulate rapid growth for about two months followed by a 4-7-5 6-6-6, or 4-8-8 fertilizer.

Many people have had good success using a 0-14-10 fertilizer to harden the new growth and stimulate blooming as early as July. Occasionally apply a light feeding of organic fertilizer to balance the soil. The 0-14-10 hardens the plant and helps prepare the plant against the cold weather but all feeding should be stopped about early November.

Gardeners in this area also prune the plants before cold weather and make cuttings or grafts in case the parent plant is killed by cold weather. This doesn't harm the plant but helps make it bushier for the coming spring. Generally speaking, the bushier the plant the more blossom yield.

Central Florida - By L. K. Thompson

Basically remember that the Hibiscus is a sun-loving plant that needs sunlight at least 75 per cent of the day.